

Thursday, April 24, 1997

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to the resolution of ratification to the Chemical Weapons Convention.

The House passed H.R. 1274, National Institute of Standards and Technology Authorization Act, H.R. 1273, National Science Foundation Authorization Act, and H.R. 1275, Civilian Space Authorization Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Ten bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 641–650, S.J. Res. 28, S. Res. 78, and S. Con. Res. 23. **Page S3662**

Measures Passed:

Technical Correction: Senate passed H.R. 1225, to make a technical correction to title 28, United States Code, relating to jurisdiction for lawsuits against terrorist states, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S3697**

Resolution of Ratification Approved: By 74 yeas to 26 nays (Vote No. 51), two-thirds of the Senators present having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the resolution of ratification (S. Exec. Res. 75) to the Convention on the Prohibition of Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction, opened for signature and signed by the United States at Paris on January 13, 1993 (Treaty Doc. 103–21), after taking action on amendments on the resolution of ratification, as follows: **Pages S3568–S3658**

Adopted:

By 71 yeas to 29 nays (Vote No. 46), Biden Amendment No. 47, to strike the condition to require that before depositing the instrument of ratification, the President certified to Congress that countries which have been determined to have offensive chemical weapons programs have ratified or otherwise acceded to the Convention. **Pages S3583–96**

By 66 yeas to 34 nays (Vote No. 47), Biden Amendment No. 48, to strike the condition relating to Russian elimination of chemical weapons. **Pages S3604–16**

By 66 yeas to 34 nays (Vote No. 48), Biden Amendment No. 49, to strike the condition requiring the President to certify to Congress that compliance with the Convention is effectively verifiable. **Pages S3618–21, S3623**

By 56 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 49), Biden Amendment No. 50, to strike the condition requiring the President to exercise the right to bar certain inspectors. **Pages S3621–23**

By 66 yeas to 34 nays (Vote No. 50), Biden Amendment No. 51, to strike the condition requiring the President to certify to Congress that the State Parties have made an agreement to amend the Convention to stem the proliferation of chemical weapons. **Pages S3624–36**

Helms Amendment No. 52, to make technical and clerical corrections. **Page S3639**

Closed Session: Senate held a closed session during consideration of The Chemical Weapons Convention (Treaty Doc. No. 103–21) **Page S3570**

Senior Citizen Home Equity Protection Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for the consideration of S. 562, to amend section 255 of the National Housing Act to prevent the funding of unnecessary or excessive costs for obtaining a home equity conversion mortgage, on Friday, April 25, 1997. **Page S3697**

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Record Votes: Six record votes were taken today. (Total—51) Pages S3596, S3616, S3623, S3636, S3651

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m., and adjourned at 10:48 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Friday, April 25, 1997. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3697.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS—NOAA

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary, and Related Agencies concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration of the Department of Commerce, after receiving testimony from D. James Baker, Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere.

APPROPRIATIONS—ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS/BUREAU OF RECLAMATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for programs of the Army Corps of Engineers and the Bureau of Reclamation, after receiving testimony from H. Martin Lancaster, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works; Lt. Gen. Joe N. Ballard, Chief, and Maj. Gen. Russell L. Fuhrman, Director for Civil Works, both of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; and Patricia J. Beneke, Assistant Secretary for Water and Science, and Eluid L. Martinez, Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation, both of the Department of the Interior.

APPROPRIATIONS—ARTS AND HUMANITIES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior and Related Agencies held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998, receiving testimony in behalf of funds for their respective activities from Jane Alexander, Chairman, National Endowment for the Arts; and Sheldon Hackney, Chairman, National Endowment for the Humanities.

Subcommittee will meet again on Thursday, May 1.

NATIONAL MISSILE DEFENSE ACT

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 7, to establish a United States policy for the deployment of a national missile defense system; and 2,449 military nominations in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Air Force.

ISTEA AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee held hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act, focusing on truck safety issues, receiving testimony from Rodney E. Slater, Secretary of Transportation; Mayor Louis Brounagh, Lufkin, Texas, on behalf of the Coalition Against Bigger Trucks; Warren Hoemann, Traffic Safety Alliance, Burlingame, California; Thomas J. Donohue, American Trucking Associations, Alexandria, Virginia; Lisa Irwin, Michigan State Police, Lansing, on behalf of the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance; and Steven Wellington, Mesa, Arizona, on behalf of Citizens for Reliable and Safe Highways (CRASH).

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

AUTHORIZATION—NASA

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space concluded hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1998 for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), after receiving testimony from Daniel S. Goldin, Administrator, Edward A. Frankle, General Counsel, and Malcolm Peterson, Comptroller, all of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration; Marcia Smith, Specialist in Aerospace and Telecommunications Policy, and Dave Radzanowski, Analyst in Aerospace Policy, both of the Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; Kenneth F. Galloway, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee; and Jerry Grey, American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics, Reston, Virginia.

AIR QUALITY STANDARDS

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Clean Air, Wetlands, Private Property and Nuclear Safety held hearings to examine the Environmental Protection Agency implementation and health effects of proposed revisions to the national ambient air quality standards for ozone and particulate matters, receiving testimony from Mary D. Nichols, Assistant Administrator for Air and Radiation, Environmental Protection Agency; Kenneth W. Chilton, Center for the Study of American Business/Washington University, St. Louis, Missouri; Thomas B. Starr, ENVIRON International Corporation, Raleigh, North Carolina; Susan E. Dudley, Economists Incorporated, Alan J. Krupnick, Resources for the Future, and Paul C. Kerkhoven,

American Highway Users Alliance, all of Washington, D.C.; Carl M. Shy, University of North Carolina School of Public Health, Chapel Hill; Morton Lippmann, New York University Medical Center, New York, New York; Benjamin Y. Cooper, Printing Industries of America, Alexandria, Virginia; Pat Leyden, South Coast Air Quality Management District, Diamond Bar, California; and Beverly Hartsock, Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission, Austin.

Hearings continue on Tuesday, April 29.

HONG KONG

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs concluded hearings to examine United States interests and policies toward Hong Kong, after receiving testimony from Jeffrey A. Bader, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs; William H. Overholt, Bankers Trust Company, Hong Kong; Andrew Y. Au, Alliance of Hong Kong Chinese in the United States, Greenbelt, Maryland; and Mike Jendrzeczyk, Human Rights Watch/Asia, Washington, D.C.

NOAA MANAGEMENT REFORM

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, Restructuring, and the District of Columbia resumed hearings on proposals to reorganize the Department of Commerce, focusing on management reforms at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, receiving testimony from Diana Josephson, Deputy Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere/National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; Joel C. Willemsen, Director, Information Resources Management, Accounting and Information Management Division, General Accounting Office; Bryan J. Logan, Photo Science, Inc., Gaithersburg, Maryland, and John M. Palatiello, Reston, Virginia, both on behalf of the Management Association for Private Photogrammetric Surveyors; Kenneth S. Johnson, Moss Landing Marine Laboratories/California State University, Moss Landing, on behalf of the University-National Oceanographic Laboratory System; and Joel N. Myers, AccuWeather, Inc., State College, Pennsylvania.

Subcommittee recessed subject to call.

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: Committee concluded oversight hearings on the status of vocational education assistance and its role in workforce development and the Administration's views on reforming the Federal investment in vocational education, after receiving testimony from Patricia W. McNeil, Assistant Secretary of Education for Vocational and Adult Education; David Stern, University

of California, Berkeley; Harris N. Miller, Information Technology Association of America, Arlington, Virginia; Paul F. Cole, American Federation of Teachers, Loudonville, New York; Rick Theders, Clark-Theders Insurance Group, Cincinnati, Ohio, on behalf of the American Vocational Association; Dan Hull, Center for Occupational Research and Development, Waco, Texas; and Larry Rosenstock, New Urban High School Project, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

GPO REFORM

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee held hearings to review legislative recommendations on certain revisions to Title 44 of the U.S. Code which authorizes the Government Printing Office to provide permanent public access to Federal government information, receiving testimony from Michael F. DiMario, Public Printer, and George E. Lord, Chairman, Joint Council of Unions, both of the Government Printing Office; Royce C. Lamberth, United States District Judge for the District of Columbia; and William J. Boarman, Communications Workers of America, Washington, D.C.

Hearings continue on Wednesday, April 30.

SBA'S NON-CREDIT PROGRAMS

Committee on Small Business: Committee held oversight hearings on the success and failures of the Small Business Administration's (SBA) non-credit and business development programs and the future direction of such programs, including initiatives in training young people for careers as entrepreneurs, receiving testimony from Jeanne Sclater, Acting Associate Deputy Administrator for Economic Development, Small Business Administration; Jean M. Buckley, Junior Achievement, Colorado Springs, Colorado; Terry Jarchow, Junior Achievement Mississippi Valley, Inc., Hazelwood, Missouri; Reginald G. Harmon, The Dream Team, St. Louis, Missouri; Marilyn L. Kourilsky, Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation, Kansas City, Missouri; Michael D. Case, Case Custom Painting, Norborne, Missouri; Frederic W. Thomas, Service Corps of Retired Executives Association (SCORE), and Susan Eckerly, National Federation of Independent Business, both of Washington, D.C.; Sam Males, Nevada Small Business Development Center, Reno, on behalf of the Association of Small Business Development Centers; S. Terry Neese, Terry Neese Personnel Services and Terry Neese Temporaries, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, on behalf of the National Association of Women Business Owners; Robert T. Creighton, Lynnfield, Massachusetts; Douglas P. Schoen, Ballwin, Missouri; Katie Sullivan, Cincinnati, Ohio; and Casey Collier, Shawnee, Kansas.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 35 public bills, H.R. 1428–1462; and 7 resolutions, H.J. Res. 73, H. Con. Res. 66–67, and H. Res. 129–132, were introduced.

Pages H1890–92

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 408, to amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to support the International Dolphin Conservation Program in the eastern tropical Pacific Ocean, amended (H. Rept. 105–74 Part I); and

H.R. 478, to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to improve the ability of individuals and local, State, and Federal agencies to comply with that Act in building, operating, maintaining, or repairing flood control projects, facilities, or structures, amended (H. Rept. 105–75).

Pages H1889–90

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Burton of Indiana to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

Page H1797

National Institute of Standards and Technology Authorization Act: The House passed H.R. 1274, to authorize appropriations for the National Institute of Standards and Technology for fiscal years 1998 and 1999.

Pages H1804–08

Agreed to the Committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

Page H1808

Earlier, the House agreed to H. Res. 127, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill.

Pages H1801–02

National Science Foundation Authorization Act: The House passed H.R. 1273, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 1998 and 1999 for the National Science Foundation.

Pages H1808–19

Agreed to the Committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

Page H1819

Agreed to:

The Coburn amendment that provides that no funds appropriated pursuant to the Act shall be used for the United States Man and Biosphere Program; and

Pages H1814–18

The Jackson-Lee amendment that expresses the sense of Congress that NSF donate surplus computers and other research equipment to elementary and secondary education schools to enhance their science and mathematics programs and requires an annual report to Congress on these donations.

Page H1818

Earlier, the House agreed to H. Res. 126, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill.

Page H1802

Civilian Space Authorization Act: The House passed H.R. 1275, to authorize appropriations for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration for fiscal years 1998 and 1999.

Pages H1819–49

Agreed to the Committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

Page H1849

Agreed to:

The Rohrabacher amendment as amended by the Cramer amendment to increase funding for aeronautical research that strikes the limitation to the transfer of space station program responsibilities; expands the definition of space science data that may be acquired from commercial providers to include asteroids, moons of planets, and comets; and amends the Unitary Wind Tunnel Plan Act of 1949 to include hypersonic speeds;

Pages H1833–34

The Cramer amendment to the Rohrabacher amendment that increases funding for Aeronautical Research by \$5 million and reduces Commercial Technology funding accordingly; and

Page H1834

The Jackson-Lee amendment that permits NASA to pay the tuition expenses of any employee attending programs of the International Space University held in the United States.

Pages H1845–46

Rejected:

The Roemer amendment that sought to terminate the space station program and retain \$500 million for termination costs (rejected by a recorded vote of 112 ayes to 305 noes, Roll No.90); and

Pages H1835–43

The Jackson-Lee amendment that sought to increase funding for NASA minority university research and education programs by \$8.1 million (rejected by a recorded vote of 186 ayes to 226 noes, Roll No. 91).

Pages H1847–49

Withdrawn:

The Roemer amendment was offered, but subsequently withdrawn, that sought to remove the Russian Government as a partner in the International Space Station Program; and

Pages H1843–45

The Jackson-Lee amendment was offered, but subsequently withdrawn, that sought to designate all NASA employees as essential in case of a lapse of appropriations.

Pages H1846–47

Earlier, the House agreed to H. Res. 128 the rule that provided for consideration of the bill.

Pages H1802–03

Re-Referral: Agreed by unanimous consent that the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight be discharged from further consideration of H.R. 892, and that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. H.R. 892 would designate the Federal building located at 223

Sharkey Street in Clarksdale, Mississippi, as the "Aaron Henry United States Post Office". **Page H1849**

Corrections Calendar Office: The House agreed to H. Res. 130, providing for a lump sum allowance for the Corrections Calendar Office. **Page H1849**

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 2 p.m. on Monday, April 28; and agreed that when the House adjourns on Monday, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 29 for morning hour debate.

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Calendar Wednesday: Agreed that the business in order under the Calendar Wednesday rule be dispensed with on Wednesday, April 30. **Page H1849**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H1843 and H1848–49. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8 p.m.

Committee Meetings

AGRICULTURAL EXPORT PROGRAMS

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and the Subcommittee on Risk Management and Specialty Crops held a joint hearing on the effectiveness of Agricultural Export Programs. Testimony was heard from Chris Goldthwait, General Sales Manager, Foreign Agricultural Service, USDA; and public witnesses.

EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Ordered reported an Emergency Supplemental Appropriations for Fiscal Year 1997.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE, AND THE JUDICIARY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from Members of Congress.

FOREIGN OPERATIONS, EXPORT FINANCING, AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from Members of Congress and public witnesses.

LABOR-HHS-EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection held a hearing on Reauthorization of the National Telecommunications and Information Administration. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Commerce: Shirl G. Kinney, Deputy Assistant Secretary, National Telecommunications and Information Administration; and Larry Irving, Assistant Secretary, Communications and Information; and public witnesses.

EMPLOYMENT, TRAINING AND LITERACY ENHANCEMENT ACT

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Postsecondary Education, Training and Life-Long Learning approved for full Committee action amended H.R. 1385, Employment, Training and Literacy Enhancement Act of 1997.

FEDERAL HIRING FROM WELFARE ROLLS

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on Civil Service held a hearing on Federal Hiring from the Welfare Rolls. Testimony was heard from Representative Eddie Bernice Johnson of Texas; John A. Koskinen, Deputy Director, Management, OMB; James B. King, Director, OPM; Diane Disney, Deputy Assistant Secretary (Civilian Personnel), Department of Defense; Eugene A. Brickhouse, Assistant Secretary, Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—STATUS OF EFFORTS TO IDENTIFY GULF WAR SYNDROME

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on Human Resources and Intergovernmental Relations continued oversight hearings on Status of Efforts to Identify Gulf War Syndrome, Part II. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Bernard Rostker, Special Assistant, Gulf War Illnesses; and Donald Mancuso, Deputy Inspector General; Robert Walpole, Special Assistant, Gulf War Illnesses, CIA; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—U.S. POSTAL SERVICE

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on Postal Service held an oversight hearing of the U.S. Postal Service. Testimony was heard

from Michael E. Motley, Acting Director, Government Business Operations Issues, GAO; and Marvin T. Runyon, Postmaster General and CEO, U.S. Postal Service.

COMMITTEE FUNDING; MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE; COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Committee on House Oversight: Ordered reported amended the following measures: H. Res. 129, providing amounts for the expenses of certain committees of the House of Representatives in the One Hundred Fifth Congress; and H. Con. Res. 25, providing for acceptance of a statute of Jack Swigert, presented by the State of Colorado, for placement in National Statuary Hall.

The Committee also considered pending Committee business.

ANGOLA'S GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNITY

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Africa held a hearing on Angola's Government of National Unity. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: George Moose, Assistant Secretary; and Paul Hare, U.S. Special Representative to Angola.

The Subcommittee also received a briefing on this subject from public witnesses.

JUVENILE CRIME CONTROL ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Began mark up of H.R. 3, Juvenile Crime Control Act of 1997.

Will continue April 29.

FUTURE OF HYDROGRAPHY

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans held an oversight hearing on the future of hydrography. Testimony was heard from Diana Josephson, Deputy Under Secretary, Oceans and Atmosphere, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

QUINCY LIBRARY GROUP FOREST RECOVERY AND ECONOMIC STABILITY ACT

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Forests and Forests Health approved for full Committee action amended H.R. 858, Quincy Library Group Forest Recovery and Economic Stability Act of 1997.

BUDGET REQUEST—NATIONAL EARTHQUAKE HAZARDS REDUCTION PROGRAM

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Basic Research held a hearing on fiscal year 1998 budget request for the National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program. Testimony was heard from Richard W.

Krimm, Executive Associate Director, Mitigation Directorate, FEMA; P. Patrick Leahy, Chief Geologist, U.S. Geological Survey, Department of the Interior; Elbert L. Marsh, Acting Assistant Director, Engineering, NSF; Robert Hebner, Acting Director, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

PATENT TERM AND PATENT APPLICATION DISCLOSURE

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Government Programs and Oversight held a hearing on the Importance of Patent Term and Patent Application Disclosure Issues to Small Businesses: What Impact Will Proposed Changes in the Patent Laws Have on Small Businesses? Testimony was heard from Representatives Rohrabacher and Kucinich; and public witnesses.

GSA FEDERAL BUILDINGS FUND SHORTFALL

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Public Buildings and Economic Development held a hearing on the Shortfall in the GSA Federal Buildings Fund. Testimony was heard from Robert A. Peck, Commissioner, Public Buildings Service, GSA; and Michael Motley, Associate Director, Government Business Operations Issues, GAO.

MEDICARE PROVIDER-SPONSORED ORGANIZATIONS

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on Medicare Provider-Sponsored Organizations. Testimony was heard from Kathleen A. Buto, Associate Administrator, Policy, Health Care Financing Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; Gail R. Wilensky, Chair, Physician Payment Review Commission; and public witnesses.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ISSUES

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Human Resources held a hearing on Unemployment Insurance Issues. Testimony was heard from Representatives Thomas, English of Pennsylvania, Upton, Farr and Shadegg; David Poythress, Commissioner, Department of Labor, State of Georgia; Thomas P. Nagle, Under Secretary, Health and Welfare, State of California; and public witnesses.

DISABILITY APPEALS PROCESS

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Social Security held an oversight hearing on the Disability Appeals Process. Testimony was heard from Carolyn Colvin, Deputy Commissioner, Programs

and Policy, SSA; Jane L. Ross, Director, Income Security Issues, Health, Education, and Human Services Division, GAO; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

NATO ENLARGEMENT

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki Commission): Commission held hearings to examine the process to enlarge the membership of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), receiving testimony from Ojars Kainins, Latvia Ambassador to the United States; Alfonsas Eidintas, Lithuania Ambassador to the United States; Jerzy Kozminski, Poland Ambassador to the United States; and Grigore-Kalev Stoicescu, Estonia Ambassador to the United States.

Hearings continue on Thursday, May 8.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, APRIL 25, 1997 SENATE

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Labor and Human Resources, Subcommittee on Public Health and Safety, to hold hearings to examine how the United States' health care workforce must evolve to meet future needs, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

House

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, Subcommittee on the District of Columbia, hearing on Medicaid and Treasury Borrowing Sections of the Administration's National Capital Revitalization and Self-Government Improvement Plan, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Friday, April 25

Senate Chamber

Program for Friday: After the recognition of eight Senators for speeches and the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 11:30 a.m.), Senate will consider S. 562, Senior Citizen Home Equity Protection Act.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

2 p.m., Monday, April 28

House Chamber

Program for Monday: No legislative business.

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